

HYPOSMOCOMA BUTLER, 1881 (INSECTA, LEPIDOPTERA):
WITHDRAWAL OF OPPOSITION. Z.N.(S.) 1853
(see volume 25, pages 176-177; volume 26, page 118)

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In *Bull. zool. Nomencl.*, 26 (3) : 118 I recently opposed Professor Zimmerman's case for acceptance of the emendation *Hyposmocoma* Butler, 1881 (*ibid.*, 25 (4/5) : 176-177).

2. I would like to withdraw that opposition, with apologies for waste of time and space. The emendation, as Zimmerman showed, is in full use, and his application was submitted in accord with the International Code.

3. Zimmerman's application is in marked contrast to that of Professor Bonnet (*ibid.*, 26 (3) : 160-163), who seeks to change the Code to admit emendations wholesale. That would be disastrous for stability, for workers would never know whether to adopt an emendation or not.

4. The present Code is ideal. The original spelling of a name is the correct one unless emended by the Commission. This assures its author of the first principle, priority. Only if it is obvious from the original text that a misprint has thwarted his intention may there be automatic emendation. This ensures stability; later workers need only examine the original, and the Official Lists, to be sure that they have the correct name.

5. Under Bonnet's code there would be no finality. The later literature, and the classical dictionaries, would have to be searched and there would be no certainty in the result.

6. It is most strongly urged that the present Code be fixed, and the International Commission insist that they be presented properly with any ensuing anomalies requiring decision. Any change in the Code, however slight, has enormous repercussions throughout Nomenclature. Professor Bonnet's change would be disastrous for stability.

SUPPORT FOR SUPPRESSION UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS OF WORKS
BY MÜLLER, 1826 AND 1828. Z.N.(S.) 1870
(see volume 26, pages 54-56)

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I wish to support the application of D. K. McE. Kevan (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.*, 26 : 54-56) for the suppression under the plenary powers of the two works by Müller cited in that application.

Contrary to Kevan's view, there are in fact grounds for rejecting the name *Gryllus hieroglyphicus* Müller, 1828 (or 1826) as a *nomen oblitum* under Article 23(b) of the Code. Assuming that Kevan's list of references employing this name is complete, the name remained unused, as a senior synonym of *Decticus bufonius* Klug, 1832, from 1881 to 1961, a period of 80 years; Dumortier's use of it in 1966 was invalid under Article 23(b) and must be disregarded. However, in view of the uncertain future of Article 23(b), and of the considerations advanced by Kevan in his paragraphs 7 and especially 8, action under the plenary powers, directed against both of Müller's works *in toto*, is in my view unquestionably the best solution.